

Those Who Ride on Two Wheels

In the United States there are six million tennis players and twelve million golfers. These figures would not surprise most people. But many would be surprised to learn that twenty million Americans ride motorcycles (摩托车). Few people realize that motorcycling is fast becoming one of America's most popular sports.

According to the Cycle News, many kinds of people enjoy motorcycling. They include black people and white people, businessmen, professionals, and blue-collar workers. Among them, about 55% are businessmen, 3% are in the professions and 9% in government service.

Such information is offered by the Cycle News in the hope of improving the general public's impression of the sport. The public has tended to believe that all motorcyclists (骑摩托车的人) are wild and lawless young men.

There are several things about motorcycling that the average citizen dislikes. A motorcyclist's appearance has something to do with this dislike. Motorcyclists often look dirty; in fact, they are dirty. On the road, there is little to protect them from mud. For practical (实际的) reasons, they often dress in old clothing which looks much less respectable (值得尊敬的) than the clothing of people who ride in cars. For the same reason, motorcyclists usually wear dark colors. Perhaps this helps to explain why they are sometimes suspected of having bad natures.

Probably motorcycles themselves also produce anger and fear. They are noisy, though some trucks are even noisier. But trucks are acceptable because they perform (执行 ; 完成) a needed service. Motorcycles, on the other hand, make an uncomfortable noise just to give their riders pleasure. Roaring along quiet streets, they wake sleeping families and make babies cry.

Yet as motorcycling becomes more and more common, it will be interesting to see how people

in general feel about the sport. Perhaps it will someday become as "respectable" as tennis or golf.

1. Some people dislike the motorcycle because it is_____.

A、noisy

B、heavy

C、costly

D、illegal

2. According to the Cycle News, over half of the motorcyclists are_____.

A、black people

B、white People

C、businessmen

D、professionals

3. The Cycle News wants to_____.

A、make motorcyclists lawful citizens

B、improve the image of motorcycling

C、persuade people to buy motorcycles

D、raise the status (地位) of blue-collar workers

4. According to the text, more and more Americans like_____.

A、playing tennis

B、playing golf

C、motorcycling

D、car-racing

5. Motorcyclists usually wear dark colors because_____.

A、 they want to be respectable

B、 they want to be impressive

C、 the colors look different

D、 the colors suit their sport

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1.答案： "A"

解析： 根据原文可知摩托车声音很吵，会把人们吵醒，弄哭孩子，所以大家都不喜欢。

2.答案： "C"

解析： 根据原文 "Among them, about 55% are businessmen" 可知，超过一半的都是商人。

3.答案： "B"

解析： 根据原文 "Such information is offered by the Cycle News in the hope of improving the general public's impression of the sport" 可知它是想提高公众对摩托车的印象。

4.答案： "C"

解析： 根据原文 "Few people realize that motorcycling is fast becoming one of America's most popular sports." 可知越来越多的美国人喜欢摩托车。

5.答案： "D"

解析： 根据原文可知因为马路上的泥巴，所以摩托车骑手经常看起来脏脏的，所以会穿深色衣服。

